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1. CARACAS' POWERFUL LIBERAL "EL NACIONAL" PUBLISHED A QUARTER-PAGE
PIECE TODAY UNDER A FOUR-COLUMN HEAD SAYING "THE "IT ONLY KILLS
PEOPLE" BOMB IS IMMORAL WEAPON, SAYS UN DISARMAMENT COMMISSION
OFFICIAL."

2. NEWS STORY FEATURED INTERVIEW WITH LIVIU AURELIAN BOTA, SPECIAL
ASSISTANT TO THE UN ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR DISARMAMENT,
ON HIS AIRPORT ARRIVAL WHERE HE WAS MET BY VENEZUELAN FOREIGN
MINISTRY COUNSELOR AND THE SECOND SECRETARY OF THE RUMANIAN
EMBASSY.

3. ASKED ABOUT THE NEUTRON BOMB, "CURRENTLY BEING DEVELOPED IN THE
UNITED STATES," BOTA REPLIED "I PERSONALLY CONSIDER IT IMMORAL
BECAUSE IT ONLY KILLS HUMAN BEINGS, LEAVING BUILDINGS INTACT, AND
BECAUSE ONLY KILLING AND HAVING LIMITED CONSEQUENCES IN BOTH TIME
AND SPACE, ITS USE IN ARMED CONFLICTS CANNOT FAIL TO GENERATE
UNDERSIRABLE CONSEQUENCES FOR HUMANITY."

4. BOTA WAS INVITED TO VENEZUELA BY FOREIGN MINISTER CONSALVI
TO GIVE A SERIES OF LECTURES IN THE MINISTRY'S FOREIGN RELATIONS
INSTITUTION.

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